

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 64-49 are pending in the instant application. Claims 64-69 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 26 and 30 of copending application no. 10/356,240. Claims 64-69 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 49 and 53 of copending application no. 10/761,794. Claims 64-69 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, and 21 of United States Patent 6,630,126. Claims 64-69 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 and 24-34 of United States Patent No. 6,808,699. No amendments have been made to the application. Applicant confirms that claim 80 has been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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In view of the remarks made hereinabove, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application, including claims 64-69, is patentably distinct over the prior art. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

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Any questions with respect to the foregoing may be directed to Applicant's undersigned counsel at the telephone number below.

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